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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,6,7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,5,8,10 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1, 3, 6-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang (US D452,715 S) in view of Wise et al. (US Patent 6,446,981 B1).** Jang discloses a child's toy comprising a substantially annular base section having a centrally disposed axis traversing therethrough, said base section further having a substantially planar top surface and an outer edge portion integral therewith, said outer edge portion extending downwardly from said top surface and being disposed substantially perpendicular thereto, said base section further having an inner perimeter spaced inwardly from said outer edge portion, said base section further including a seat connected to the inner perimeter and a foot plate connected to the inner perimeter, said foot plate being diametrically opposed from said seat and for supporting a foot of a user at an elevated position above ground level; a plurality of casters connected to said base section and extending downwardly therefrom, said plurality of casters being offset substantially medially between said outer edge portion and the inner perimeter respectively (See Figs. 1-7); **[claim 6]** wherein said plurality of casters are pivotally connected to said base section for allowing a user to guide said toy in linear and radial directions. Jang does not disclose a plurality of spaced support members extending upwardly from said top surface and converging inwardly

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towards the axis, a substantially annular top section connected to said plurality of support members and centered about the axis, said top section being spaced at a predetermined height from said base section for allowing a child to enter and exit said toy. Wise et al. discloses a cart having a plurality of spaced support members (56, 58) extending upwardly from said top surface and converging inwardly towards the axis, a substantially annular top section (54) connected to said plurality of support members and centered about the axis, said top section being spaced at a predetermined height from said base section for allowing a child to enter and exit said toy (See Fig. 1). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art to provide a plurality of support members extending from said top surface and a top section connected to the support members in the toy disclosed in Jang in view of the Wise et al. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide a cover to the toy.

Regarding claims 3 and 9, Wise et al. discloses a plurality of storage compartments formed within said base section and for maintaining selected objects therein.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2, 4-5, 8 and 10-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 12-15 are allowed over the prior art.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record in the accompanying PTO Form 892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Allen Shriver whose telephone number is (571) 272-6698. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 6:30 am-6:00 pm and Tuesday 6:30 am-11:00 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris P. Ellis can be reached on (571) 272-6914. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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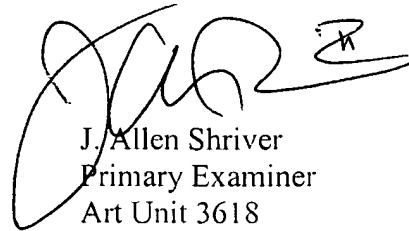
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